AS ROBIN BRITTON takes a pledge over the phone, (above) her helpers pose for a photo at Town Hall during the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon this weekend. There was plenty of entertainment at the event, including the Country Drifters, (below) a country-western band. The event raised over $3,100 for the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

Make plans for reforestation

Clearcutting is discussed

Clearcutting is a familiar word to many and a "bad" word to some, particularly to those persons who consider themselves preservationists or "concerned environmentalists."

Mark C. Vodak, Virginia Tech Extension specialist in forest management, said clearcutting is a method of harvesting trees from the forest that involves removing all of them from a given area.

Many people ask if there aren't other ways to harvest trees without cutting down all in sight, Vodak said. Isn't clearcutting done because it is the cheapest and fastest way to do it?

Vodak answered both concerns with a yes but pointed out there are other considerations when harvesting timber. The species to be cut and the management objectives of the timber owner are two factors which determine how a particular timber stand will be harvested.

If the land is to continue growing timber, Vodak said, the landowner should decide how he will regenerate the next timber stand before harvesting begins. Several species, such as loblolly pine and yellow poplar, need direct sunlight for new seedlings to establish themselves and grow.

They do not tolerate shade very well and will not do well under the shade of competing trees.

Thus, clearcutting can be the best harvesting method from a silvicultural, as well as economical standpoint, said the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty member. Also, where regeneration will be done artificially by planting or seeding, clearcutting aids site preparation and planting efforts.

Others may ask if clearcutting destroys wildlife habitats, degrades sites through soil erosion and decreases water quality by increasing siltation and tempertures in streams.

Vodak observed that potential for environmental damage always is present with any land management. This also is true with timber harvesting.

Unfortunately, in the early years of logging, there was no regard for the environment. In past years, some controversial and poorly executed logging jobs received wide publicity as indicative of clearcutting.

Vodak said this was not all bad because public awareness of forestry increased with beneficial legislation resulting. Clearcutting is environmentally sound if properly planned and done.

The wildlife habitat is not destroyed but actually enhanced by providing a more varied habitat and increased food production.

Practically all soil erosion results from runoff on logging roads and ski trails. If correctly constructed, used, maintained and then "put to bed" when the harvesting operation ends, degradation through soil erosion and compaction is minimal, Vodak said.

Similarly, if proper road construction and logging practices are followed, streams should not be harmed by increased siltation or water temperatures. Simple and common practices, such as not skidding logs down streams and leaving an uncut buffer strip along streams, minimizes these problems.

Some are concerned by the "eyesores" created by clearcutting.

Clearcutting, the specialist said, may at first aesthetically unpleasant, but that should not rule out the useful harvesting option. Aesthetics often depend on an individual's point of view.

To a forester, farmer or someone familiar with land and forestry management practices, a good, well-done clearcut isn't objectionable. To someone unfamiliar with such practices, however, a newly cutover area hints of some major irreparable catastrophe.

With the long growing seasons in the South, most people would not find a clearcut objectionable after one or two growing seasons following the harvest. An untrained eye could not distinguish the area after five or six years.

Vodak emphasized that care should be taken in determining harvesting procedures in areas or situations where scenic values are critical.

In short, Vodak said clearcutting is a harvesting method that is silviculturally, environmentally and economically sound when applied properly. It should be viewed as a viable part or alternative in an overall, on-going management plan.

Anyone with questions concerning clearcutting or about managing and harvesting timber should contact a local county forester, county Extension agent or a consultant forester.

Ferguson family reunion planned

Descendants of Phillip W. Ferguson and Julia Beasley Ferguson and their children, Marshall Ferguson, Andrew Ferguson, Eliza Ferguson, Nora Neighborz, Maggie Bryant, Sam Ferguson and Lloyd Ferguson are planning a family reunion for Saturday, September 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad Building.

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Farmers anticipate corn cutting

Virginia farmers will soon begin harvesting one of their most valuable feed resources—corn silage, Harlan E. White, Extension forages specialist at Virginia Tech, issued several guidelines to follow during this busy farming season.

—Harvest at the hard dough stage of maturity. White reported that the kernels will be well dented, lower leaves and husks will be brown and the dry matter percentage will range from 35-42 percent at this time. Generally, plants will be within this maturity and dry matter range for ten to 14 days, though it can vary with the weather.

—Chop fine. "Chopper knives need to be sharp and the clearance adjusted to a cut of one-quarter to three-eighths inches," White advised. "Power requirements are reduced, equipment handles the fine material better, more silage can be packed in the silo, and livestock eat the finer material better when farmers follow this recommendation."

—Use the "squeeze" test for moisture content. If juice drips from a handfull of chopped silage when it's squeezed add springs advised it is too wet. If the fist-full yields no moisture when squeezed and springs apart when released, it is too dry.

When moisture is at the desired level, no juice can be squeezed out, though the hand will be moist, and the ball keeps its shape when the pressure is released.

—Put wetter silage in bunker or trench silos. "Since packing is more difficult in a bunker silo than an upright, it makes sense to put the early-cut silage (may be in the 32-35 percent dry matter range) in the bunker," White said. "Then as the crop gets drier, go to the upright silo."

—Fill silos quickly. When conditions are right, chop and fill the silos as fast as possible. This harvests the plant at the proper stage and results in rapid exclusion of oxygen in the silo.

—Pack bunkers and trench silos tightly. "The more packing that's done on the silo, the better," advised White. "Oxygen exclusion is the goal." Poorly packed silos usually will have pockets of molded silage where oxygen remained.

—Silo gases can be deadly. The greatest danger is 12-72 hours after filling, but gas may be present up to 10 days after the last silage is added. These gases are heavier than air and settle on top of the silage or spill over and accumulate in closed areas at the silo base.

"Silo gases may be reddish brown, yellow or colorless," White explained. "All may be recognized by their irritating odor." The Tech agronomist advised farmers to run the blower for 15-20 minutes before entering a partly-filled silo and keep it running while inside.

Stay out of the filled silo for two weeks after filling. If your throat burns and coughing starts once you enter the silo, get to fresh air quickly. Ventilate areas at the silo base where gases may accumulate.

—Fermentation usually is completed in the silo in about 14 days. It can then be fed as silage.

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Conference is third such event

Eight years ago, the Appomattox Baptist Association conducted a World Missions Conference with 24 churches participating.

Four years ago, 21 churches in the ABA participated in the World Missions Conference. This year from Sept. 13-20 twenty-three churches will participate in what promises to be the most exciting week of the year in Baptist Church news.

The World Missions Conference week is divided in half, with missionaries speaking in 12 churches the first half of the week, and 11 churches in the last half of the week.

The schedule of speakers is included in the accompanying table.

You are encouraged to attend the services at your own church, and invite your friends to go with you.

You are also invited to attend the services of the other churches in the association. During the week you will have the opportunity to attend ten services and hear ten different speakers.

This affords the opportunity to hear firsthand the experiences of men and women who serve in the mission field. This is an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the uses of funds given through the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

The association members hope that the week will provide inspiration and encouragement for growth in Christ.

As a preparation for each night's service, you are invited to read and meditate upon Ephesians 4:11-16.

Rev. Charles A. Collins

Dr. Jack L. Gentry

Speakers' biographies

Rev. Charles A. Collins was appointed as a general evangelist to Guatemala in 1976. He is a native of Jackson, Tenn. He received a B.S. degree from Union University in Jackson, Tenn. and Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Jack L. Gentry is engaged in general evangelism, research, and design consultant work in Taichung, Taiwan. He has received Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, and Doctor of Ministries degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C.

Mrs. Luther Morphis [Mary Frances] is appointed by the FMB as a church and home worker with her husband in Nurnberg, Germany. Mary Frances has her nurses training from Mather School of Nursing at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, La. She also attended Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, Ky. She has served as a missionary nurse in Eku, Nigeria, and as a church and home worker in Augusburg and Berlin, Germany.

Rev. Luther H. Morphis is an English-language pastor in Nurnberg, Germany. He has his Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has pastored in North Carolina and was Professor of Bible at Missouri Baptist College and has served as an English language pastor in Augsburg and Berlin before going to Nurnberg.

Rev. Thomas A. Waddill was appointed as an Agricultural Missionary to Zambia. Born in North Carolina, Va. and raise on a farm near Keysville. He is no stranger to Appomattox, having served at Spout Spring Baptist Church before his appointment to Serenje, Zambia.

Mrs. Thomas Waddill [Lucille] was appointed by the FMB as a church and home worker to Zambia with her husband. Lucille attended Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. and Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Fayetteville, N. C.

James Thomas Cravens serves as director of missions of the Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, Pittsburgh, Penn. under appointment of the Metropolitan Missions Department of the HMB. He has served in a similar capacity in the Strawberry and Lynchburg, and Henry County Baptist Association in Va. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He is known to many in Appomattox as he pastored Liberty Baptist Church, 1958-1961.

Mrs. Marvin Haire [Abalean] serves with her husband in Medford, N. Y. where he pastors Calvary Baptist Church. Abalean is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisiana. Prior to her appointment in New York she and her husband served as home missionaries in New Jersey.

Robert W. Duvall [Bob] joined the HMB staff in Atlanta, Ga. in October, 1980 as Director of Hospital Chaplaincy, Chaplaincy Division. Previously he was chaplain to the hospitals affiliated with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He is a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Maude Knight Cabaniss served as a missionary of the HMB in New Orleans, La. from 1958 to December 31, 1976. Mrs. Cabaniss served at the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center as secretary and bookkeeper.

Ernest Edward Onley, Jr. is director of Christian Social Ministries for Capital Baptist Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is a native of Norfolk, Va. He is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and took clinical pastoral education training at Southeast Louisiana Hospital in Mandeville, La. He has pastored in Mississippi and Arkansas prior to his HMB appointment.

Miss Anna Keelin serves as Weekday Director with Westminster Baptist Church Norfolk, Va. since 1966. Anna is a native of Texas and a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. She has worked as a summer missionary and has taught in the elementary school in Texas and New Mexico.

Richard Lavern Johnson is a missionary associate appointed by the HMB Department of Christian Social Ministries and the Baptist Convention of Virginia. He serves as a pastor-director of the Baptist Center in Fredricksburg, Va. He has pastored churches in Texas, and nine years a pastor of the Baptist Mission Center in Newport News, Va. He has a Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Melvin E. Winters is Director of Missions for the Dan River Association. He has his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a certificate of Pastoral Care from Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg, Va. He has served as pastor in Mississippi, North Carolina, and Virginia, noteably New Chapel Baptist Church, Rustburg, and Flat Creek Baptist Church, Lynchburg.
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World Missions Conference

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Robert W. Duvall

SCHEDULE FIRST HALF
SEPTEMBER 13 — 16
Each host church for the first half will pick up Missionary at the banquet, September 12, Liberty Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.

	Sun.: 11 a.m. Sept. 13	Sun.: 7:30 Sept. 13	Mon.: 7:30 Sept. 14	Tues.: 7:30 Sept. 15	Wed.: 7:30 Sept. 16
BETHEL	Home Onley	State Johnson	Foreign Mr. Morphis	Foreign Waddill	Home Mrs. Haire
BEULAH	Foreign Mr. & Mrs. Waddill	Home Mrs. Haire	Foreign Collins	State Johnson	Foreign Mrs. Morphis
BROOKNEAL	Home Duvall	Foreign Mr. Morphis	Home Cravens	Foreign Collins	Home Onley
CONCORD & CULLEN	Foreign Mr. Morphis	State Miss Keelin	Foreign Gentry	Home Duvall	Foreign Waddill
FALLING RIVER	Foreign Gentry	Home Duvall	State Miss Keelin	Foreign Mr. Morphis	Foreign Collins
MIDWAY	Foreign Mrs. Morpphis	Home Cravens	Foreign Waddill	Home Mrs. Haire	State Johnson
NEW CHAPEL	State Johnson	Foreign Mrs. Morphis	Home Duvall	Home Onley	Foreign Gentry
PROVIDENCE	Home Mrs. Haire	Foreign Collins	State Johnson	Home Cravens	Foreign Mr. Morphis
SPRING CREEK	Home Cravens	Foreign Waddill	Home Mrs. Haire	Foreign Gentry	State Miss Keelin
STAUNTON RIVER	State Miss Keelin	Foreign Gentry	Home Onley	Foreign Mrs. Morphis	Home Duvall
UNION HILL	Foreign Collins	Home Onley	Foreign Mrs. Morphis	State Miss Keelin	Home Cravens

SCHEDULE SECOND HALF
SEPTEMBER 17-20
Each host church for the second half will pick up Missionary at the covered dish luncheon, September 17, Union Hill Baptist Church, at noon.

	Thurs. 7:30 Sept. 17	Fri.: 7:30 Sept. 18	Sat.: 7:30 Sept. 19	Sun.: 11 a.m. Sept. 20	Sun.: 7:30 Sept. 20
CALVARY	Foreign Collins	Home Onley	Foreign Mrs. Morphis	State Winters	Home Mrs. Cabaniss
ELON	Foreign Mr. & Mrs. Waddill	State Winters	Foreign Gentry	Home Mrs. Cabaniss	Foreign Mr. Morphis
EVERGREEN	State Miss Keelin	Foreign Gentry	Home Cravens	Foreign Mrs. Morphis	Home Onley
FREEDOM	Foreign Gentry	Home Mrs. Cabaniss	State Miss Keelin	Foreign Waddill	Foreign Collins
HEBRON	Home Onley	State Miss Keelin	Foreign Waddill	Foreign Mr. Morphis	Home Mrs. Haire
LIBERTY	Home Cravens	Foreign Mr. Morphis	Home Mrs. Haire	Foreign Gentry	State Miss Keelin
NEW HOPE	Foreign Mr. Morphis	Home Mrs. Haire	Foreign Collins	State Miss Keelin	Foreign Mrs. Morphis
RED OAK	Foreign Mrs. Morphis	Home Cravens	Foreign Mr. Morphis	Home Mrs. Haire	State Winters
REEDY SPRINGS	State Winters	Foreign Mrs. Morphis	Home Mrs. Cabaniss	Home Onley	Foreign Gentry
ROCKS	Home Mrs. Haire	Foreign Collins	State Winters	Home Cravens	Foreign Waddill
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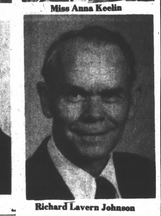

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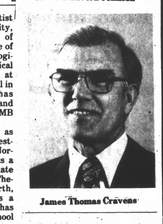

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